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Mr Luciano Lazzari, new President of the Architects’ Council of Europe

At the last ACE General Assembly, Mr Luciano Lazzari was elected President of the Architects’ Council of Europe for a two-year term. The ACE Executive Board was also partly renewed.

On 6 and 7 December 2013, the Architects’ Council of Europe held its second General Assembly of the year in Biel (Switzerland), at the invitation of the Conférence Suisse des Architectes (CSA). On this occasion, Mr Luciano LAZZARI (CNAPPC – Italy) was elected President of the organisation for a two-year term. After two years of study at the University of Cape Town (South Africa), Mr Lazzari completed his training at the Polytechnic of Central London. Mr Lazzari currently runs the Studio Architetti Zelco Lazzari in Trieste. He succeeds Ms Selma Harrington who chaired the ACE from 2010 to 2013.

Speaking to the General Assembly, Mr Lazzari stated that “ACE needs to continue to address those issues that have a direct bearing on our work [and] to expand our global network in order to offer outlets to European architects”. He also stressed that “relations with schools and students are vital and must be strengthened”. ACE “can be a bridge between leaders and our public, between those who affect our profession and those who will form our profession”.

Five Members of the Executive Board were also elected or re-elected: Dubravko Bacic (CCA – Croatia), Lionel Dunet (CNOA – France), Wolfgang Haack (BAK – Germany), Pierre-Henri Schmutz (CSA – Switzerland) and Sara Van Rompaey (CNOA – Belgium). The Members appointed by rotation in December 2012 complete the Board team for the year 2014: Bulent Batuman (CAT – Turkey), Vincent Cassar (KTP – Malta), Martin Drahovsky (SKA – Slovakia), David Falla (RiBA – United Kingdom) and Indrek Näkk (UEA – Estonia).

The Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE) is the representative organisation for the architectural profession at European level: it aspires to speak with a single voice on its behalf in order to achieve its aims. Its growing membership currently consists of 46 Member Organisations, which are the regulatory and professional representative bodies in all European Union (EU) Member States, Accession Countries, Switzerland and Norway. Through them, the ACE represents the interests of over 545,000 architects from 33 countries in Europe.